

Provo library will be next to City Center

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PROVO — The Provo City Council has decided to build a new 3,000-square-foot library next to the City Center on Fourth West and Center Street.

The decision follows months of controversy during which the City Council, library board, city administrators, members of the business community and citizens have been studying where to put the facility.

The new library is needed because the present 85-year-old library at First East and Center Street is much too small.

Several other locations were considered.

The Friends of Academy Square, a newly formed group, wanted the library to be put into the historic buildings of Academy Square.

The library would have served as an anchor tenant, and eventually a museum and

cultural arts center would be developed at the near 100-year-old site.

The group asked the City Council to delay the decision on where to put the library for 90 days so they would have time to prove it could raise the funds necessary for the council to feel secure about the project, said Glade Tuckett, representative of Academy Square.

The group felt it could raise enough funds through donations to buy and redevelop the buildings, which housed the first school rooms for Brigham Young University.

The buildings at Fifth West and University Avenue were sold to private developers 11 years ago.

"They (the developers) are holding Academy Square for our option," said Tuckett.

"We believe the city really wants a cultural center in Provo," he said.

He said they felt their proposal would get the much-needed library and fulfill the city's

cultural needs.

The three features — a library, museum and cultural center — would be a package deal, said Tuckett. The project would not be viable without the library.

However, the council decided not to delay and voted for the new building.

Other proposals included putting it in the Firmage building, remodeling the present library and expanding it, and moving it to the Kress Building.

The cost of the 30,000-square foot, one-level library would be about \$2.4 million, including the value of the land, said project planner Dave Gardner.

The land, however, is worth about \$600,000 and is already owned by the city.

Minus the value of the land, the estimate for the total project is \$1.4 million. Another \$300,000 would be necessary for fixtures, shelves, and cabinets.

About \$375,000 could be raised from the

sale of the current building.

Another \$1.2 million to \$1.5 million could be raised by donations, said Larry Hortin, library director.

"The Friends of the Library are very supportive of the library," he said.

The financing of the project is one of the major concerns of the council.

The developers of the project, Kent Talboe and Lee Kneil, have given the project estimates to the council and feel they can get the city a quality building for an acceptable price.

The council asked that the funding recommendations be presented again.

The current library was built in 1907, last remodeled in 1939 and has been increasingly inadequate ever since.

The library board is pleased that the council decided to build a new library, Hortin said.

include the ski program, costs, involvement, training and downhill, slalom and giant slalom competition. Parents are encouraged to attend.

—Fourteen-stake fireside, 7:30 p.m. Sept. 30, Elder Russell M. Nelson, of the Council of the Twelve, Marriott Center.

Lectures/Classes

—The Arthritis Action Group will hold its Sept. 20 meeting at 7 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium, Utah Valley Regional Medical Center, 1034 N. Fifth East, Provo. Dr. Richards A. Call, rheumatologist, will speak on "Arthritis, What Is It and What Can Be Done?" The meeting is free. Phone Janet Thornton, 374-5889.

—The Young Mothers monthly meeting will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 in the Orem City Center, 56 N. State. Defonda Collier, a speaker for Education Week and BYU Continuing Education, will discuss book selections for the family library. The meeting will include a mother's fun time and spotlight a local mother. Meeting open to all. Call 756-7059 or 224-2907 for more information.

—The Pleasant Grove Recreation Department is offering a beginning guitar class for students 11

A. Roberts, vice president of human resources, American Express Travelers Cheques, "Distinguishing Characteristics of Leaders in Business, Industry and Government," 151 Tanner Building, BYU.

—Executive Lecture, 4:10 p.m. Sept. 27, David R. Hinson, president of Hinson Menella Inc., 151 Tanner Building, BYU.

—Ed and Nellie Brackett special-education conference, Sept. 27-29, for educators. The subject will be handicapped students. It will be in the BYU Conference Center and may be taken for credit.

Art Exhibits

—Alliance of Artists of Utah County exhibit open to public through Oct. 3 at the Springville Museum of Art, during museum hours. Sponsored by the Utah Valley Artist Guild in conjunction with the museum.

—Finnish Printmakers, B.F. Larsen Gallery, Harris Fine Arts Center, BYU, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. daily; Bethanne Andersen, all month, Gallery 303, Harris Fine Arts Center, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Measures of arsenic

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"Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring, directed by Tad Z. Danielewski. Pardoe Drama Theater, Brigham Young University, 8 p.m., Sept. 13-15, 18-22, 25-29. Matinee 4:30 p.m. Sept. 24. Tickets: 378-3875.

Brigham Young University opened its theater season Thursday evening with a sure-fire classic that really knocked 'em dead.

"Arsenic and Old Lace" is full of comic lines, but the cast augmented the script with some wonderful timing and visual humor of its own,



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under the direction of Tad Z. Danielewski. The result was a rollicking good time for the lucky folks who filled the Pardoe Theater.

This fun-filled stage adventure involves two sweet, old spinsters who carry their charity just a bit far by putting lonely, old men out of their misery with their poisonous concoction of elderberry wine.

Two faculty members are standouts as the old maid sisters. Jean Jenkins is hilarious in her utter sincerity as Abby Brewster, and Janet L. Swenson is equally delightful. So what if they'd murdered a dozen